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X 7/26 DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

X CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

SUBJECT: Status Report and Recommendations on Project for a Publications Review Subcommittee

1. By memorandum of 19 April 1946, from the Secretary, Joint Intelligence Committee to the Director of Central Intelligence, the Joint Intelligence Committee called the Director's attention to a Publications Review Subcommittee which had been established pursuant to a directive of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The opinion of the Joint Intelligence Committee was that the functions which it exercised through the Publications Review Subcommittee come within the cognizance of the N.I.A. and should be assumed by that Authority at the earliest practical date. The Joint Intelligence Committee requested an expression of the Director's opinion and intentions with reference to this matter and, if he concurred in the opinion of the JIC, a statement as to the date on which he would expect the N.I.A. to undertake such functions.

2. This memorandum was referred to the Central Planning Staff and, as a result of a memorandum to the Director, dated 13 May 1946, a memorandum was dispatched from the Director to the Secretary, Joint Intelligence Committee, dated

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16 May 1946, indicating general agreement with the point of view of the Joint Intelligence Committee, and stating:

a. That C.I.C. was initiating the necessary staff action to provide for review, by an agent of N.I.A., of papers published and distributed by the intelligence agencies subject to N.I.A. coordination, with a view to eliminating undesirable duplication and unnecessary reports, and curtailing excessive distribution.

b. That the J.I.C. would be advised when the staff action referred to should be completed.

3. Intelligence Branch, Central Planning Staff, prepared a draft directive. It was decided, however, on 3 June 1946, by the Acting Chief, Central Planning Staff to table the proposed action until an over-all coordinating program should be established.

4. It is felt that the functions under consideration may properly belong to the Office of Dissemination, and it is further recommended that the project be referred to that Office for study.

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